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### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 23-36 and 53-56 have been canceled. Upon entry of the above amendments, claims 1-3, 7-16, 19-22, 37-42, 45-49, 57 and 58 will remain pending in the application.

### Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has imposed a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 and §372, requiring Applicant to elect a single invention from the following groups:

Group I, claims 1-3, 7-16, 19-22, 37-42, 45-49, 57 and 58;

Group II claims 23-25;

Group II claims 26-36; and

Group IV claims 53-56.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects, without traverse, for further prosecution the invention of Group I, claims 1-3, 7-16, 19-22, 37-42, 45-49, 57 and 58 directed to a locking mechanism for controlling engagement between parts moveable relative to one another in medical sharp devices.

### CONCLUSION

It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and prompt notice of the same is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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